Application Serial No.: 10/765,862 Amendment dated January 29, 2008 Reply to Office action of October 31, 2007

REMARKS

In the Office action, claims 1 and 5-12 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as anticipated by US 4,448,493 to Matusdaira et al.

Claim 1 has been amended to recite a solid electrolyte where the hydroxyl groups of the polyvinyl alcohol domain are acetalized into an *acetal*. Matsudaira et al. fails to disclose an electrolyte material containing an acetal.

Claim 1 further recites the hydroxyl groups of the PVA domain are acetalized. Acetalized hydroxyl groups are not disclosed in Matsudaira et al. Instead, Matsudaira et al. teaches the hydroxyl groups are acetylated i.e. they are esterified with carboxylic acid.

Applicant respectfully requests that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case.

It is believed that no additional fee is due, however, should that be incorrect, please charge to Deposit Account No. 19-2105 and inform the undersigned in due course.

Respectfully submitted,

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